

GREATER POLLOK AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

St Bernard's Primary School, 30th April 2025.

Greater Pollok Area Partnership.

Item 1

17th September 2025

- Present:** Councillor William Graham (Chair) and Councillor Saqib Ahmed, Glasgow City Council; Inspector James McFarlane, Police Scotland; Station Commander Martine Barr, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Ann Duffy, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Jean Honan, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network, Alistair MacLellan, Levern and District Community Council; Geri Mogan, Rosehill Housing Association; Andrew Peline, SWAMP; Helen Mill, Village Story Telling Centre, Tony Osy, African Relief Support, Elaine Atwood, Darnley Parent Council; Teresa Foley, Langton Hall Activity Group; and Karen Venable, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.
- Apologies:** Bailie Rashid Hussain, Bailie Roza Salih and Donna Foote, Greater Pollok Services.
- Attending:** C Jack (Clerk); K Docherty (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance), M MacLeod, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability and Charles Perfect, SEPA.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

- 1** The minutes of the previous meeting of 19th February 2025 were submitted and approved subject to noting that Jean Honan had submitted apologies.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework – Membership noted.

- 2** There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration providing an update regarding membership of this Partnership, advising that since the last meeting there had been no changes to the membership of the Partnership.

Variation in order of business noted.

- 3** The Partnership agreed to vary the order of business as hereinafter minuted.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) update noted etc.

4 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) providing an update on the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) programme, advising

- (1) of the background to the £1m NIIF programme;
- (2) that in December 2024, a small team of staff were tasked with reviewing the current process for NIIF and the backlog of requests already received, as well as devising clear guidance and processes for its management going forward;
- (3) that a review of information held within Area Partnership minutes, NRS services and across council departments had been carried out to allow a full breakdown of current committed spend, new proposals still to be costed and spend to date;
- (4) that some proposals previously discussed at Partnership meetings had been included in the report but had yet to be progressed to NRS for estimated costs and requested that the Partnership review the information and confirm what projects had been approved and could now be referred to NRS;
- (5) of the criteria for the fund, as detailed in appendix 1 to the report, and that all NIIF proposals must be approved at an Area Partnership meeting before being passed to NRS to be costed;
- (6) that NRS Neighbourhood Liaison Managers would attend each meeting to present their report and would record all approved new proposals on an agreed template to be used internally by the service;
- (7) that general enquiries, but not proposals could be emailed to the NIIF mailbox at NIIFEnquiries@glasgow.gov.uk; and
- (8) of the NIIF proposals to date, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report; and
- (b) agreed that
 - (i) ref no 03-033 should be treated as a priority; and
 - (ii) K Docherty, Communities Team, would arrange a special meeting on 14th May 2025 at 1000 hours to discuss the proposals in more detail and that representatives from NRS, to include CCI, Parks and Roads be in attendance.

St Bernard's Primary School – Presentation noted.

5 There was heard a presentation by the pupils of St Bernard's Primary School regarding the Pupil Action Teams, their achievements to date and the next steps.

After consideration the Partnership

- (a) noted the presentation and thanked the pupils for their informative presentation;
- (b) agreed
 - (i) that members of the Partnership would accompany the pupils on a road safety route to school event; and
 - (ii) that consideration would be given to the upgrade of the football pitch and Christmas decorations in Nitshill.

Police Scotland ward update noted.

6 There was heard a report by Inspector McFarlane, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership

- (1) that the total calls received for the period was 1,541, one of which was a violent incident in the Priesthill area that had been shared on social media which CID were progressing;
- (2) a new Divisional Commander was now in place with Chief Superintendent Emma Croft taking up the role upon the promotion of Lynn Ratcliff to Assistant Chief Constable;
- (3) local actions plans in respect of the April holidays and the traditional "School Leaver" celebrations had been delivered by the campus officers from the respective schools in the area and the Local Problem-Solving Teams at Pollok and Govan and there had been no youth disorder or significant incidents;
- (4) a dedicated unit had been established to tackle retail crime throughout Scotland and following a £3m funding allocation from the Scottish Government, the Retail Crime Taskforce was created to address the rise in offences, such as shoplifting and a strategy that focussed on the prevention of retail crime, as well as enforcement against offenders had been developed with partners;
- (5) on 27th March, Chief Constable Jo Farrell had outlined progress on the first year of her three-year business plan and committed to driving a second phase of police reform in 2025-26; and

- (6) there had been a national roll out of body-worn cameras, progress in achieving efficiencies in the wider criminal justice service and in relation to supporting people in mental health distress.

After consideration, the Partnership noted

- (a) the update and thanked Inspector McFarlane for the report and work by officers within the ward; and
- (b) that K Venables, Community Support Officer, would circulate a link where pavement parking obstructions and issues could be reported to Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

7 There was heard a report by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service regarding the current issues, incidents and work being carried out in the ward for Quarter 4, advising

- (1) of the current statistics for incidents within the ward;
- (2) of the Strategic Service Review and options for service delivery of modernisation of the fire service;
- (3) of the next phase of the public consultation that would start around June 2025, whilst encouraging all members to complete it when available; and
- (4) in further detail of the Water Safety campaign.

After consideration, the Partnership noted the report and thanked Station Commander Maxine Barr for the update and the work carried out by the service.

Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership ward update noted.

8 There was submitted and noted a report by the Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership (GCHSCP) providing an update on activity within the ward, advising of

- (1) the work that had been undertaken in relation to the Shared Prosperity Fund which was a joint programme in partnership with Sanctuary Housing;
- (2) an update in relation to the Henry programme (Health, Exercise and Nutrition for the Really Young), as detailed in the report; and
- (3) of the Trauma Informed Team events that would be held on 27th May and 10th June 2025 and a networking event that had been held at Peat Road Hall.

Community update – Brock Burn project noted.

9 There was heard and noted a report by the M MacLeod, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability and Charles Perfect, SEPA, providing an overview of a joint project at the Brock Burn, advising that a consultant had been appointed to look at the feasibility of the project and to engage with the local community on their views and that detailed presentation would be brought to a future meeting.

Area Budget 2025/26 – Applications for funding dealt with etc – Declarations of interest.

10 With reference to the minutes of the Council's City Administration Committee of 13th March 2025, when the committee approved the 2025/26 Area Budget allocations, there was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance, advising

- (1) of the current position in relation to the Area Partnership's budget for 2025/26;
- (2) that the Greater Pollok Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2025/26 was £90,546 and due to an overspend of £6,954 in 2024/25, left a balance of £83,532, and with £18,474 having been allocated to date, left a balance of £65,118; and
- (3) of the applications for funding from the Area Budget for 2025/26.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the position regarding the Area Budget allocation for 2025/26; and
- (b) dealt with applications for funding as follows, the grant awards being subject to the conditions detailed in the report:

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Purpose of application</i>	<i>Decision</i>
Pollok Credit Union	Towards the cost of a programme of creative cooking on a budget to assist local people to look at debt issues	Withdrawn by applicant
Halo Arts	Towards the cost of "Its your choice" aimed at P6 and P7 pupils	Refused - noting that any future applications should provide evidence of Greater Pollok community engagement, and evidence of need

Rainbow Club	Towards the cost of a day trip and lunch to Largs in the summer	Awarded £800 for bus hire and lunches
Glasgow Old peoples club	Towards the cost of Christmas lunches for 30 members	Awarded £600
Glasgow Life	Towards the cost of Southside Stars, a joint programme with The Pearce Institute	Awarded £500
Hillwood Community Trust	Towards the cost of a summer and October week football programme for school pupils in the ward	Awarded £6,720
The Daisy Project	Towards the cost of the Reset Programme to support women with ongoing issues with trauma	Awarded £2,090
*Friends of Crookston Castle	Towards the cost of start-up equipment	Awarded £6,936
Noble Arts	Towards the cost to restore flooring within the building, blinds, bulbs and boxing equipment	Consideration continued for a site visit
**Greater Pollok Services	Towards the cost of a summer engagement festival on 5th July 2025	Awarded £2,075
***Rosehill Housing Association	Towards the cost of Pollok Community Family Day on 7th August 2025	Awarded £5,000
Gowanbank Primary School	Towards the cost of a school community hub	Consideration continued to the next meeting

*Helen Mill declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

**Helen Mill and Andy Peline declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

***Geri Mogan declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

Future meeting dates noted.

11 The partnership noted the following future meetings dates in 2025:-

Wednesday 17th September 2025, venue to be confirmed; and

Wednesday 26th November 2025, by video conference.